

Community

P.O.W.E.R. annual meeting attracts media celebrity

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Protection of the environment ultimately rests with the general public. That's the message Ann Reeves, a CFRB radio personality, told approximately 60 people attending the annual general meeting of Protect Our Water Environmental Resources (POWER), at Georgetown District High School, Wednesday.

Ms. Reeves, who hosts the CFRB radio phone-in environmental show "Earth Line" told the audience finding a solution to today's pollution problems is "consumer driven." That means government and business won't solve the problem unless the public demands it.

People have to be very vocal at the political level to have politicians implement environmental friendly policies, she explained.

Ms. Reeves seemed unimpressed with the recent announcement by new NDP Minister of Environment Ruth Grier, on the environment, calling it vague.

Similarly, the only way people can influence business to be more conscious of the environment is to boycott all environmentally unfriendly products. Eventually businesses will come around whether they want to or not, said Ms. Reeves.

It's this kind of action that tests N.H.A.D.H. lottery

Ticket holders in the "Shop Till You Drop" lottery are hoping to win a \$35,000 gift certificate redeemable at the Bay and Simpsons stores.

The contest is being put on by the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped.

Second prize is a \$20,000 gift certificate and third prize is a \$15,000 certificate and fourth and fifth prizes are \$5,000 certificates. They may be used to purchase merchandise and/or services (including travel, optical, hair-care, etc.) and there is no time limit.

Tickets for the lottery can be purchased at The Bay stores five days prior to Christmas or from a N.H.A.D.H. representative anytime before Jan. 24. The draw will be held Feb. 15 at the Yonge and Bloor Bay store.

The N.H.A.D.H. is presently recruiting sales campaign captains, six people to distribute ticket books and log sales, etc. For more information call 877-5557.

people's seriousness about the environment, she told the audience. Acknowledging it as an inconvenience, Ms. Reeves said, people may have to accept driving across town to buy environmentally safe products if changes are to happen.

A main topic on her phone-in show centres on whether concern for the environment is simply a fad. "Sometimes I think it is," she said. "But then I sit back and look at all the changes people are making. I think the movement is too organized to go away; people are mad as hell and they are not going to take it anymore," she exclaimed.

Ms. Reeves urged POWER to contribute information about the group's activities to her radio show. She described the show as a means of sharing information among a large number of people. People want to know what others are doing, she said. They only know "a tip of the iceberg" about ways of protecting the environment.

Ms. Reeves told the group she is interested in doing a show centred on the local environmental

program Waste Not. Halton Hills environmentalist Diane Vandevalk is starting up a service where old broken appliances and the like will be collected, repaired and then resold. "It's a wonderful idea," she said.

In other news coming out of the meeting it was announced that starting Monday a week-long hearing will be held at the town Civic Centre on the Niagara Escarpment Commission's amendment 52. Amendment 52 calls for the outlawing of landfills on the escarpment. The commission approved the amendment earlier this year but the approval only becomes final after a hearing is held.

The hearing is expected to last the entire week.

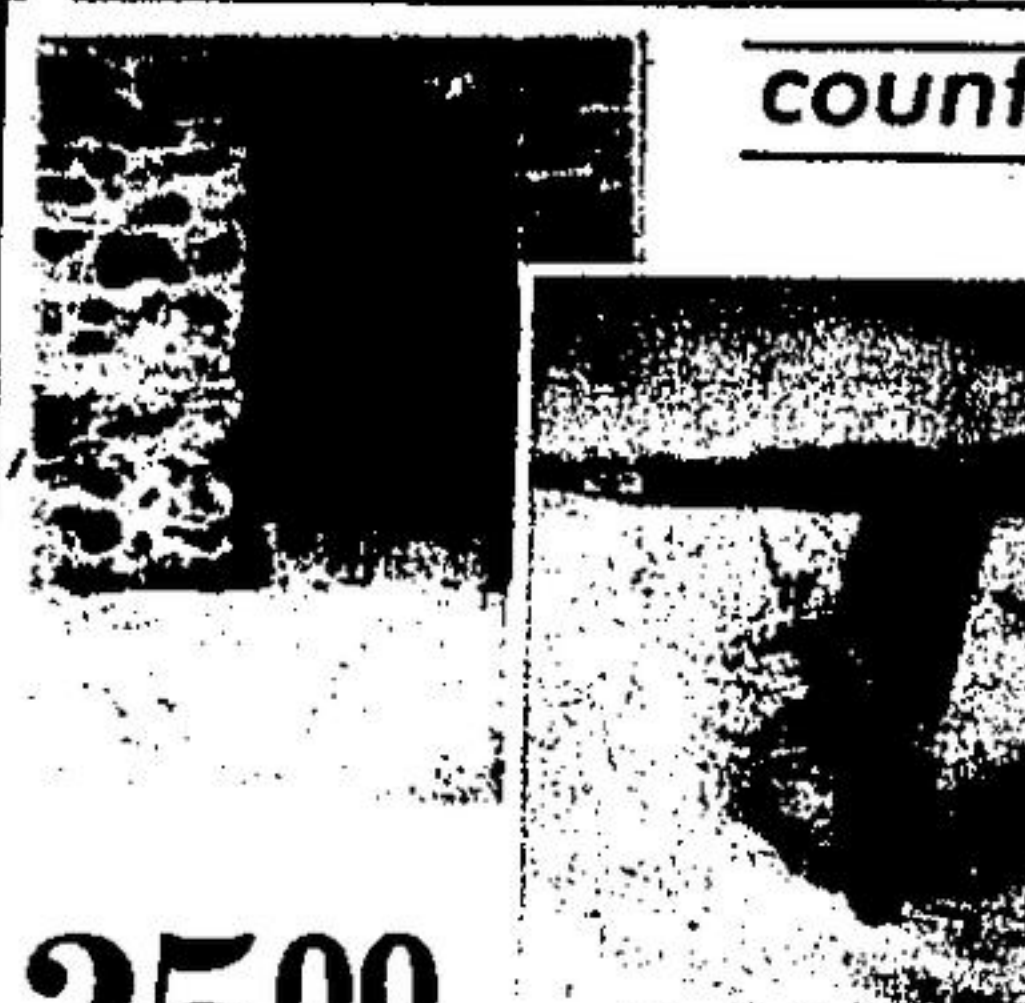
POWER also elected its 1991 board members. Although specific positions remain to be determined, the 1990 board members include: Ruth French, Barbara Halsall, Marjorie Kirkwood, Francine McGregor, John Minns, David Noble, Linda Noble, Nigel Pettipher, Fraser Robin, Chris Rumley and Doug Young.

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